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# OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Responsibility is a fundamental value that fortifies our work as the integrator at Hanford and is a subset of our HMIS SIMPLE values. We recognize the weight of our responsibilities and the importance of upholding them with transparency, dedication and a "proud but not satisfied" mentality.

First, we must act with unwavering integrity and accountability in everything we do. This includes meeting all our agreed-upon commitments while being further committed to responsible conduct, ensuring we adhere to ethical practices, follow regulations and maintain trust.

Secondly, as responsible stewards of our resources, we prioritize their efficient and sustainable use. We are mindful of the impact our actions have on the environment and work to minimize our ecological footprint. By managing our resources responsibly, we contribute to the long-term success of the cleanup mission and the Hanford Site.

Lastly, we believe in creating an inclusive and supportive work environment where each team member feels valued and respected. Embracing our responsibility to foster diversity, equality and inclusion, we support a culture of collaboration and innovation that drives our success.

By embracing responsibility, we lay a solid foundation for our continued growth and the positive impact we strive to achieve. Thank you for your commitment to our shared mission and for exemplifying the values of responsibility in all aspects of your work.

#### **Guest Message – Justin Wilde**

We take pride in our responsibility to conserve and protect ecological resources on the Hanford Site. This responsibility extends from the largest, the bull elk, to the smallest plants and insects. Our efforts to conserve, restore and rehabilitate habitats, along with wildlife, demonstrates our environmental leadership within DOE and protects the resources found at Hanford.

Our emphasis on sustainability and long-term land use management allows HMIS to remain a responsible steward of the Site and paves the way for cleanup that adequately protects the environment and human health.

This starts with monitoring and understanding the species present, from rare plants like the Umtanum buckwheat and gray cryptantha, to endangered bird species like the ferruginous hawk, the largest hawk in North America.

It continues by taking an active role in the conservation of plants and wildlife. Installation of artificial burrow systems has helped recover the burrowing owl population from nearly absent at Hanford to the highest number of breeding pairs in over a decade.



While there are a few individuals at Hanford whose primary task is monitoring, conserving and restoring ecological resources, we all have a responsibility to take part in protection of these valuable assets to the Site. We can all participate by avoiding off-road travel, walking job sites down in advance to look for possible migratory birds or other wildlife issues, and communicating with the ecological monitoring and compliance program any habitat and wildlife concerns to keep our responsibility to the Site's protection at the forefront of our efforts.





# 325 Radiochemical Processing Laboratory.

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#### **Annual Exercise Tests Emergency Response Skills**

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Hanford's annual field exercise offers a great opportunity for the Site's emergency response organizations to work together and demonstrate their readiness and ability to perform safely in an emergency. This year's exercise included a scenario

at the 325 Radiochemical Processing Laboratory where several victims received a simulated dose of radiation.

Hanford Fire, Hanford Patrol, HPMC, DOE. One Hanford contractors and the Hanford Emergency Operations Center all participated in the exercise, along with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Benton County Emergency Services, Franklin County Emergency Management, Trios Hospital, Washington Department of Health, and the Oregon and Washington **Emergency Operations Centers.** 

"Our emergency response agencies performed well in responding to a simulated event that was very realistic with a lot of information coming at them from several different directions." shared Jeni Copeland, who helped organize and coordinate the exercise

with HMIS' Emergency Management & Preparedness team.

Another unique aspect of this year's exercise was the involvement of the mock media team from the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago. They provided real-time challenges, both online and inperson, to the team managing Hanford's Joint Information Center.

The complexity of this year's exercise also required the largest control organization ever assembled to manage and execute the exercise, something that would not have been possible without volunteers from all the Hanford contractors.

"There were so many moving parts to this exercise, we could not have done it without the support of the One Hanford contractors lending us their people to help control the information flow and to evaluate the teams' response," Copeland added.

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#### **Cylinder Swap Follows Strict Safety Rules**

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Our teams completed another successful change of chlorine cylinders at the 283W Water Treatment Plant recently. The swaps occur at least once a year but require a lengthy planning process due to the potential hazards created from chlorine gas. Each step is tightly controlled and safety focused with use of PPE and respirator hoods when needed.

Chlorine cylinder changeouts are a multiorganizational effort with help from Crane & Rigging, Emergency Preparedness, Industrial Hygiene, Operations, Safety, Transportation Services and Water & Sewer Utilities.

Chlorine gas is used by the current plant in its disinfection process to treat drinking water. Each tank contains about a





9-month-supply of chlorine, and two tanks are in ongoing use.

Replacement is done in a staggered system to ensure a continual supply, as well as compliance with Hanford chemical storage requirements.

Currently under construction in the 200 Area, the new Central Plateau Water Treatment Facility will replace the 283W plant.

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#### **Repairs Flocc Together**

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

A top priority job for our Water & Sewer Utilities team wrapped up with successful repairs to the 200 West Water Treatment Plant, fixing the devices used to help tiny particles bind together as part of water filtration.

Our W&SU organization was assisted by Crane & Rigging and Maintenance Services to complete the job. The machinery includes a large paddle, and the paddle in one of the basins had stopped rotating so it was unable to filter water properly. Stationary operating engineers identified the problem and directed water to come from backup basins instead, keeping drinking water flowing in the meantime.

While fixing one filtration device, called a flocculator, the teams began troubleshooting a second flocculator and noticed it needed additional repairs. This one required a motor replacement to keep the system working at a constant speed.

In addition to those efforts. W&SU teams checked the

whole system by validating water valves as part of a wide-ranging walkdown, "We do this in a sweeping effort to ensure our water grid is working as expected," said Tony Lynn, W&SU operations specialist. "We open and close the valves to confirm they're in the proper position."

This took place for both the drinking and unfiltered water in the 200 Area, checking nearly 500 valves to verify what was found in the field compared with what was expected based on drawings. During this process, W&SU successfully identified a couple potential issues with valves and made proper fixes to the system to keep everything in tip-top shape.









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# Wildland Fire Season is Upon Us

Contributor: Melissa Ver Steeg

The Hanford Fire Department responded to a call in May when a lightning strike started a fire that burned about 1,300 acres of sagebrush and grasses, marking the first wildland fire of the season on the Hanford Site. With changing wind directions and gusts of at least 30 mph,

HFD called in neighboring agencies to help gain control of the wildfire.

Crews were dispatched to create fire lines to prevent the spread of the blaze, in addition to direct attack of the fire. Within several hours of the call from the Patrol Operations Center, fire support crews from Richland Fire, Benton County Fire District #1 and Benton County Fire District #2, had helped contain the blaze.

When fighting fires at Hanford, additional resources are often called in to ensure minimal impact to important resources and our communities. Our Emergency Operations Center contacts members of our Environmental and Radiological Protection teams, who support fire operations.

Our Environmental team offers guidance when environmental or culturally sensitive areas may be involved,

allowing HFD to make the best decision for establishing fire breaks that both contain the blaze and minimize impact to sensitive areas when possible.

Radiological Control Support provides radiological surveys on any offsite equipment, including vehicles and hand tools, and offsite personnel who responded. "We want to ensure everything leaves the Site free of contamination,

even when a radiological area was not directly impacted," shared Joe Wiley, health physicist with Radiological Controls.

Following larger fires, such as this, our Environmental team surveys the area to begin mapping damage from the fire and fire breaks to analyze the impact to resources, including native grasses and shrubs.

"By monitoring the burned area, we begin to understand the long-term impact of the fire and what vegetation may come back," explained Environmental Director April Johnson. "Knowing what survived is valuable information to communicate what restoration may be desired."

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# Dome Placed Atop New Sanitary Water Tank

Contributor: Shane Edinger

The skyline of Hanford's 200 West Area continues to evolve as HMIS' construction team moves forward with Project L-850, the new 1.5-million-gallon sanitary water tank. The project is now about 60% complete as crews used a large crane to lift the tank's dome cover into place earlier this month.

Several weeks of planning went into this aspect of the project because, with a lift of this size, there is very

little margin for error. "We took a little more time developing the critical lift plan for this project," shared Mark Berkenbile, HMIS' manager of Construction Management. "We brought in the appropriate subject matter experts to make sure we were getting all aspects of the lift correct and then made sure we met all applicable DOE and Site requirements for a lift like this. When it finally came time to perform the lift, it all happened just as we had planned it."

From the pre-job meeting to the placement of the bolts to lock the dome in place on top of the tank, it took the 14 people who made up the lift team about five hours to complete the project. "The collaboration and teamwork witnessed between our HMIS team and the subcontractor's crew was impressive," Berkenbile added.



"They worked diligently to develop and execute the critical lift plan."

The new tank will replace a 1.1-million-gallon tank built in the 1990s and only designed to last about 20 years. Engineers designed the new tank to work in combination with the adjacent Central Plateau



Water Treatment Facility under construction and to last at least 50 years to support the long-term goals of the Hanford cleanup mission.





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# **HFD Prepares to Prevent Wildfires This Summer**

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Hanford Fire crews are always prepared to respond to any emergency, but the summer heat and dry conditions present their own unique set of challenges.

Wildland fires can move fast and burn quickly, which is why Hanford firefighters recently completed this year's wildland firefighting refresher training to make sure their skills are up to the test.

Other preventive measures have also been taken. HFD crews already burned more

than 140 piles of tumbleweeds this year, totaling over 26,000 cubic yards. "It's a cost-effective method of reducing wildfire fuel and minimizing risk," shared Mark Cope, a senior technical advisor with Fire Protection & Emergency Services. "Anything we can do to eliminate potential fire fuel beforehand will help us in the long run."

Hanford Fire crews also partnered with HMIS teamsters who used a bulldozer and disc plow to create a 30-foot-wide firebreak line along a 37-mile stretch of the Hanford Site's boundaries with SR 240 and SR 24. The firebreak can help slow down or keep potential wildfires from spreading.

The National Interagency Fire Center's latest Wildland Fire Potential Outlook forecasts an 'Above Normal' wildland fire season for most of central and eastern Washington. "If the wind-whipped wildfires we saw in Benton County earlier this month are any indication, it could potentially be a very busy wildland fire season in our area," Cope added.

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#### **WTP Joins HLAN**

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

Hello Bechtel and welcome to HI AN! As the Vit Plant gets closer to Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste hot commissioning and operations, their employees needed to move from Bechtel's contractor business network to the Hanford Local Area Network. Far from simple, our Information Management Services team proved up for the challenge!

The process began more than two years ago with one of the first steps: creating a "network demilitarized zone" for interfacing the DFLAW plant network with HLAN. Additionally, the team developed hundreds of user accounts supporting all required privileges and functionality, including basic tasks like network printing, information transfers and email. To support these requirements, IMS established multiple fiber circuits to and from WTP to sustain both robust and redundant connectivity. Our team engineered, implemented and tested data transfer, voice calling and texting solutions





that met all user needs. IMS' network and communications team also built the supporting infrastructure, including servers and data storage. During this process, the team worked closely with Cybersecurity to implement firewalls that protect each system from outside threats.

Phil Budde and Cristal Robinson.

When the final switch occurred, over 1.000 WTP users gained access to HLAN services! Other project assistance included the Central Badging Office for LACS (Logical Access Control System) card activation and the Mission Service Desk, which created virtual desktop guides.

Further help on the project came from our Personnel Security, Interface Management and the Learning Management System teams. By collaborating with Bechtel, HMIS and WRPS (which serves as a host for BNI projects) also established unique identifiers for foreign nationals working for BNI.

"These accomplishments have been a heavy lift and a tremendous crossorganizational, cross-contractor effort. This is a big win toward DFLAW, the highest priority project for Hanford. I am so very proud of our team," said Todd Eckman, vice president of IMS.

## ONE **HANFORD**

#### **Hanford Patrol Selects Two New Hires**

Contributor: Cerise Peck

We vet all our new hires to confirm they're a good fit on the Hanford Site, and the process is no different for these latest team members. Meet Dee and Freda. two new explosive detection canines who ioined Hanford Patrol.

They arrived from K2 Solutions, Inc., a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business headquartered in North Carolina. The new officers replace two retiring K-9 officers. Martha and Chance, who served critical roles on the Hanford Site for the last nine years.

The selection process is not about who can shake or fetch, and Dee and Freda bring impressive résumés. Hanford Patrol Chief Lorin Cyr and Captain Robert Maier previewed five candidates, evaluating each canine to ensure they met the requirements for health certification and training records, and could pass the Washington State Police Canine

Association (WSPCA) test for explosive detection dogs.

After meeting their requirements, Dee and Freda will accompany handlers who have undergone 400 hours of training in explosive detection as mandated by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and the Washington State Administrative Code.

"Our new canines will assist us in maintaining the highest level of security and safety at Hanford," said Chief Cyr. "This investment represents the continued commitment to safeguarding the Hanford Site and our local communities."

Chief Cyr also shared these canines are well-cared for and considered a crucial part of the Hanford Patrol family. The dedicated handlers are also trained to provide the care and attention necessary to maintain the dogs' health and wellbeing. Handlers will undergo a two-week training session with their new partners, followed by Site certification and eventual WSPCA certification as a team. Welcome Dee and Freda!















#### We're Pawsitive This System is a Success

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

An overhaul and replacement of the eDOCS application resulted in the development of CATS – a software app used to receive and transmit official letters and memos with DOE and One Hanford contractors, including CPCCo, HMIS, HPMC, Navarro-ATL and WRPS. While the new software really is the cat's pajamas, we'll refrain from any more witty puns.

The project began when DOE asked for an improved process to the Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence Workflow (eDOCS) application. A kaizen with our Continuous Improvement organization also determined eDOCS

needed replacing, and a "Get to Excellence" plan was created. The request was for a new, efficient and high-quality software application, and our Business Intelligence team delivered with creation of the Correspondence & Action Tracking System (CATS). Using the Power Apps software program, the Information Management Services group developed a single, sitewide correspondence system to manage workflow.

Highlights of CATS include the ability to define the process for an action, including how the task needs to move through its review. This could mean confirming a task has been read, marking what needs corrected before approving, assigning other users along the way, and adding links, attachments or comments.

CATS users can keep up with tasks through an inbox highlighting what needs to be done and can be filtered by priority. Messages and questions may also be posted to tasks for all collaborators to view.

When tasks are created, they can even be marked as controlled unclassified information, and users can designate other users as their delegate, if needed. Everything is based on permissions so only those assigned a task can see the information associated with it.

Congrats to our Business Intelligence team on the successful launch of CATS – program users all agree, so fur, so good! Turns out we were just kitten when we said no more puns. If you want to get in touch with the team, send a message to the cat box, cats@rl.gov.

I wanted to share what a great job your team did with development of the new CATS. Every user I've talked to has commented how user friendly and intuitive it is, and that is really what is important for us, that the end users are satisfied. As someone who has been in the correspondence world in many different aspects, CATS really is the best of both worlds and that's apparent by how users are responding.

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#### 'Duct Dawg' Adds New Tool to EU Toolbox

Contributor: Shane Edinger

A new piece of powerful equipment will soon help the Electrical Utilities team work more safely and efficiently. It's called a "Duct Dawg" and is specifically designed to install underground cable in conduit. It will allow EU to react quickly to underground power interruptions and restore electricity to the Site, which



will be especially important with the move to the 24/7 mission in support of DFLAW.

The Duct Dawg uses compressed air to blow a string line around elbows and corners in conduit. Once a string line is installed, a pulling rope is attached, pulled through, and then connected to the new cable. This allows crews to install replacement cable through the pipe in a controlled pull rather than using brute force, which keeps the new cable from being damaged. "This will make the job much more efficient," shared Tami Worby, operations specialist with Electrical Utilities. "It's the new and improved way of installing underground cable."

The Duct Dawg will replace equipment EU has used for more than four decades that is antiquated at best. The team ordered the new tool from the manufacturer more than a year ago, but due to supply chain issues, it arrived just a few weeks ago.

Right now, the EU team is looking into standards and requirements for development of an underground cable testing program. This would give EU the ability to test underground lines that have been used for decades, some more than 50 years, and



The Duct Dawg is designed to install underground cable in conduit with the use of compressed air, making the process more efficient.

replace them as needed. "Now that we have the Duct Dawg, it will certainly improve our ability to repair or replace underground cable, and to be proactive and test our old cable and replace it before it fails." Worby added.

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Contributor: Melissa Ver Steeg

Locksmith services have been available at Hanford since the 1940s and continue today under DOE order 473.3A, which outlines specific requirements for asset protection. Facility owners and representatives work with Physical Security to develop an agreement for each facility to ensure appropriate security measures are in place to best protect Hanford assets. These agreements determine the necessary access control devices managed by our Locksmith Services team.

If you envision the total number of doors, cabinets and other lockable items at Hanford, it's no surprise this team responds to approximately 1,200-1,500 service calls each year! Requests range from fixing broken keys or locks, to rekeying entire facilities due to missing keys.

The team is also responsible for multiple types of padlocks, safes, vaults and



proximity access control devices. In addition, Locksmith Services is currently in the middle of a multi-year project to replace the OMNILOCK® system with the new Trilogy® lock, an electronic keyless access system.

Our locksmiths come to the Site with previous locksmith experience, but must complete a two-week course and remain a trainee for two years before becoming a registered locksmith with Associated Locksmiths of America or ALOA Security

Professionals Association, Inc. Two members of the team, Certified Registered Locksmith Tony Peluso and Registered Locksmith Philip Sanchez, are currently working to become master locksmiths.

With so much training and experience, one might wonder if there is a lock this team isn't responsible for. "We occasionally get calls for keys locked in privately owned vehicles," shared Security Representative Jon Doncaster. "Unfortunately, that is one thing we don't do."



putting together a good résumé during VALOR's résumé and interview skills workshop at WSU Tri-Cities.

#### **VALOR Program Connects Veterans to Employment Opportunities**

Contributor: Shane Edinger

As the VALOR (Veterans Advocacy for Learning, Opportunities and Resources) program approaches its one-year anniversary, it continues to grow and connect with more veterans in our community. The Workforce Resources & Development team recently hosted a résumé and interview skills workshop at WSU Tri-Cities, where local veterans seeking employment or interested in changing careers met with Hanford representatives and received guidance on creating a strong résumé and improving interview skills.

"The event went really well," shared Dan Seitz, Workforce Resources & Development manager. "The veterans who attended were engaged and we provided them with important information and support in their efforts to help secure employment with a Hanford Site contractor."

VALOR continues to pay dividends as it connects veterans in our community with job opportunities at Hanford. Jason Schlegel is a U.S. Army veteran who recently joined the Instructional Design team at HAMMER, after spending several years as a high school teacher and wildland firefighter. "It was great to have somebody to provide support through the application process and share some insights into how things work at Hanford," Schlegel said.

The VALOR program continues to make an impact with veterans in our region, providing support, information and resources, and helping them translate their military experience into civilian careers. "We're proud, but not satisfied," Seitz added. "I'm happy with what we've accomplished, but I know we can do more. We want to expand the services and resources we offer to veterans and continue



to refine our approach to connect with as many veterans as we can in our community."

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We want to introduce you to another stellar team member who is giving back as part of HMIS-organized events and also on his own with his family. Sean McFadden makes frequent appearances at Bikes for Tikes and Second Harvest food sorts, and you'll also find him working behind the scenes reviewing scholarship applications

for the Columbia Basin College Foundation.

"Volunteering time to help organizations within our community has always been important to me and my family. Whether I'm torturing myself in a fun run to raise funds and awareness for organizations such as the Tri-Cities Cancer Center, fundraising for the local Junior Achievement so I can bowl with coworkers while dressed like a rodeo clown, sorting food at Second Harvest, raising funds to purchase gifts during Christmas to donate to the local Salvation Army, or reviewing scholarship applications for CBC, I am always looking for opportunities to volunteer."

Sean is humble about the impact he has but knows every small effort pays off, "Making a difference in our local community and doing my part makes the world a better place," he said. "Knowing something as simple as giving some of my free time to help make that difference means everything. Getting kids involved in giving back helps teach them humility and volunteering at these events is the perfect opportunity for this."

The community need is great but people, like Sean, have shown they're willing to step up and be the difference. "There are so many people who might be reluctant to ask for assistance, but if they know there are organizations just waiting to help, that request will be that much easier."

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#### **Hanford Engineers Week Committee Awards STEM Scholarships**

Contributor: Derek Miceli, WRPS

The Hanford Engineers Week Committee recently awarded two Tri-Cities students with \$2,000 scholarships toward higher education. The scholarships were available to high school seniors planning to pursue education in STEM fields.

One went to Troy Russo, a graduating senior from Hanford High School. He plans to combine his passions for environmental conservation and mathematics by studying data analytics at the University of Washington. Troy has volunteered time with several organizations including Second Harvest, the Pasco Farmers Market, National Honor Society, Key Club and his school's recycling club.

lackson Booker received the other scholarship, a new graduate from Richland High School. He intends to study mechanical engineering at Washington State University in hopes of working with nuclear and renewable energy in eastern Washington. Jackson has volunteered time coaching youth sports and offering English and Spanish language translation at an orphanage in Mexico.

Engineers Week (E-Week) is a national campaign that includes over 70 engineering, education and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies. In the Tri-Cities, engineers and other volunteers from One Hanford contractors participate. Earlier this year, 111 volunteers reached roughly 3,500 students through 'Zoom into Engineering' classroom visits and a STEM night event.

Learn more about Hanford Engineers Week and the scholarships at hanfordengineersweek.org.

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#### **Top Trainers Detail Property Management**

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

A valuable workshop took place on the Hanford Site recently, sponsored by DOE and hosted by our Warehousing & Property Management team at 2355 Stevens. Along with DOE and our team, all One Hanford contractors and PNNL took part.

The conference focused on managing highrisk personal property, which is property that must be controlled or disposed of outside a routine manner because of potential impacts to public health or safety, the environment, national security interest or proliferation concerns.

Representatives from the National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducted the workshop after holding a training session on the Hanford Site last fall.

During this most recent visit, each contractor shared current processes, challenges, concerns and nuances in complying with "cradle-to-grave" control of high-risk property, from the time

WELCOME VORKSHOF NA-242 A team from Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducted the One Hanford High Risk Property Program

Assessment on the Hanford Site.

it's acquired to the time of disposal. The overall goal included developing a path forward on complying with requirements for items controlled by the Code of Federal Regulations.

Workshop participants and leaders toured a variety of facilities on the Hanford Site to review items in storage and assess all risks to guide any necessary changes in the future. A working group that includes DOE and OHCs will ensure the goal of sitewide compliance on high-risk property.

# HMIS FAMILY

#### Give a Pint, Save a Life

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Did you know one in seven patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion, but only 3% of Americans regularly donate blood? Plus, each pint of blood donated can save up to three lives.

Thank you to the nearly two dozen HMIS employees who rolled up their sleeves recently to help replenish the blood supply and save lives during our second blood drive with the American Red Cross! Save the date for our next blood drive on November 15.









#### We're #1 - Again!

Contributor: Robin Wojtanik

We're so excited the Top Corporate Fundraiser trophy will remain in the lobby of 2490 Garlick, with another plate adorned with our name! Thanks to all the members of the HMIS family for donating, bowling and cheering on the teams at the 2023 Junior Achievement Bowling Classic!

You nearly doubled the contributions made last year, raising \$20,000 to support local students. The entire Bowling Classic fundraiser brought in more than \$184,000 across all teams, raffles and auction items.

Thanks for all the support and we hope to see you again next year!

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**





#### **No Veteran Stands Alone**

Contributor: Reneé Brooks

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Columbia Basin Veterans Center hosted its first ever fundraising gala, *No Veteran Stands Alone*. The event honored retired Benton County Prosecutor Andy Miller, who started the Veterans Therapeutic Court in Benton County and included a testimonial of a local veteran who graduated from Veterans Court and shared the impact this program and CBVC have had on his life.

The fundraiser also featured former Secretary of Defense General James M. Mattis, USMC (ret.) as the keynote speaker. A longtime supporter of CBVC, HMIS was proud to be a platinum sponsor for this event and continue providing critical resources for veterans in our community.



